Employment for women in Jharkhand

2796. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the Central Scheme of setting up of Employment and Income Generating Training-cum-production centres for women in Jharkhand; and

(b) the details regarding the number of centres and women beneficiaries for the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No project has been sanctioned in the districts of Jharkhand in the past three years. However, in the current year, one proposal has been received which is under consideration.

Integrated Education for Disabled Children in Gujarat

2797. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools in Gujarat covered under Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) scheme;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released to the State for implementation of the said scheme during the last three years;

(c) the details of utilisation of amount by the State; and

(d) the age upto which free education is being given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) 8026 schools in Gujarat are covered under the Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC).

(b) An amount of Rs.323.44 lakhs, Rs.337.62 lakhs and 335.44 lakhs has been released to the State during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively.

(c) Except for the funds released during the current financial year, entire amount released during the previous years has been utilised by the State Govt. for the purpose for which it was released. 54 voluntary organisations have been assisted under the scheme & 22098 disabled children have benefitted so far.

(d) As per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995, the appropriate Governments and the local authorities shall ensure that every child with a disability has access to free education in an appropriate environment till he attains the age of eighteen years.

Lack of basic infrastructure in primary schools

2798. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that many primary schools are lacking in basic infrastructure facilities, as much as 84 percent of the schools did not have separate toilets for girls, while 33 percent schools did not have drinking water facilities; and

(b) how Government propose to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) As per the Sixth All India Educational Survey conducted by NCERT in 1993, about 10.5 percent primary schools in the country were without any classroom and another 24.5% schools were having only one room for instructional purposes 44% schools had drinking water facilities, 18.9 percent had common urinal and only 8.7 percent primary schools and separate urinals for girls. While the situation has improved over the years, the backlog is still very large.

The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) has allocations for civil works, the ceiling for which has been recently increased from 24.% to 33% of the project cost. The scheme of Operation Blackboard has a provision for construction of schools buildings and other infrastructure facilities and funds for the same are provided under the programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development. The newly launched scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) also includes provision for civil works limited to 33% of the project cost. Under the primary education component of the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY), 50% of the funds are to be used for civil works, including toilets. All such interventions are expected to improve the school infrastructure.